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Deep-water Grouper Commercial Fishing Season Closes June 23

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the closing of the commercial fishing season for deep-water grouper (misty, snowy, yellowedge, Warsaw and speckled hind) in Mississippi territorial waters, **effective Friday, June 23, 2006 at 12:01 a.m.**, due to the 1.02 million pound quota being met. The fishery will remain closed until Jan. 1, 2007 at 12:01 a.m.

The closing of the commercial deep-water grouper fishing season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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